

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11. (Canceled)

12. **(New)** In a method for posttreatment of the exhaust gas of an internal combustion engine, in which particles contained in the exhaust gas are at least partly eliminated with the at least intermittent use of an oxidatively acting aid, the improvement comprising the steps of effecting an at least partial removal of nitric oxides from the exhaust gas, and delivering the oxidatively aid means to the exhaust gas in metered fashion in such a way that the removal of nitric oxides from the exhaust gas is reinforced.

13. **(New)** The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of determining the proportion of nitrogen dioxide in the exhaust gas, and delivering the oxidatively acting aid as a function of the proportion of nitrogen dioxide.

14. **(New)** The method of claim 13, wherein the proportion of nitrogen dioxide is determined downstream, in terms of the flow direction of the exhaust gas, of the point where the particle elimination is effected.

15. **(New)** The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of measuring the temperature of the exhaust gas and effecting the metering of the oxidatively acting aid as a function of the temperature of the exhaust gas.

16. **(New)** The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of measuring the temperature of the exhaust gas and effecting the metering of the oxidatively acting aid as a function of the temperature of the exhaust gas.

17. **(New)** The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of measuring the temperature of the exhaust gas and effecting the metering of the oxidatively acting aid as a function of the temperature of the exhaust gas.

18. **(New)** The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of generating the oxidatively acting aid outside the exhaust-gas stream.

19. **(New)** The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of generating the oxidatively acting aid outside the exhaust-gas stream.

20. **(New)** The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of generating the oxidatively acting aid outside the exhaust-gas stream.

21. **(New)** The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of generating the oxidatively acting aid outside the exhaust-gas stream.

22. **(New)** The method of claim 18, wherein the generation of the oxidatively acting aid is effected in a metered fashion.
23. **(New)** The method of claim 12, wherein the oxidatively acting aid is generated in a plasma generator.
24. **(New)** The method of claim 13, wherein the oxidatively acting aid is generated in a plasma generator.
25. **(New)** The method of claim 14, wherein the oxidatively acting aid is generated in a plasma generator.
26. **(New)** The method of claim 12, wherein a particle filter is used for at least partial elimination of the particles and wherein the metering in of the oxidatively acting aid is effected upstream and downstream of the particle filter.
27. **(New)** The method of claim 15, wherein a particle filter is used for at least partial elimination of the particles and wherein the metering in of the oxidatively acting aid is effected upstream and downstream of the particle filter.
28. **(New)** The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of employing a storage-type catalytic converter or an apparatus for selective catalytic reduction for at least partial removal of nitric oxides from the exhaust gas.

29. **(New)** The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of employing a storage-type catalytic converter or an apparatus for selective catalytic reduction for at least partial removal of nitric oxides from the exhaust gas.

30. **(New)** The method of claim 12, wherein ozone is used as the oxidatively acting aid.

31. **(New)** An apparatus for posttreatment of the exhaust gas of an internal combustion engine, the apparatus comprising

a particle filter

means for furnishing an oxidatively acting aid for operating the particle filter, and

a nitric oxide removal device (20) for at least partial removal of nitric oxides from the exhaust gas downstream of the particle filter (10) in terms of the flow direction of the exhaust gas.